Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)* : At present there is a reduced quota. If that quota is reduced further and further of course our consumption will have to be reduced.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)* : In view of that apprehension may I know whether it will not be advisable to do propaganda work among the people to have substitutes of fuel oil ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)* : We are doing it. The Hon'ble Member himself can do it.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi)* : May I know, Sir, the principle under which the distribution is made to the various villages ? Is it on the population basis ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)* : That will depend upon the usual quantity that was consumed by each village. Supposing that to a particular village the sub-agent was selling 5 tins per month and now there is a reduction of quota by 60 per cent it will be that quantity of 5 tins less 40 per cent reduction that will be supplied to that village.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi)* : That is the sale during the pre-war period ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)* : The normal sale before the quota was reduced will be the criterion to fix the quantity to be supplied.

Mr. P. K. Madhava Menon *(Narakkal)* : May I know whether there are places where there are no sub-agents ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)* : In Chowwara I received a complaint that they were not getting kerosene oil. There the supply is made by the Alwaye Agent of these three companies. I have written to the Alwaye agents enquiring as to the number of tins they were supplying before December last. One has replied. I am awaiting the reply from the others.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal *(Vadakkancheri)* : May I know whether the new supply is not so pure as before ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)* : There is no question of adulteration. Before December, they were supplying all high-grade oils. The low grade oil the yellow oil—was not consumed so much in this State as it was consumed in Travancore. Now the supply of high-grade oil has been reduced and the low grade oil is supplied in larger quantities. That is one thing. Now we have to take tins for the purchase of the oil. Originally they were supplying oil in tins. Because the number of tins is reduced you have to take tins now. After one or two fills, the tin becomes rusty and that is also one reason for the discolouration because the rust forms a sediment and it gives a little colour to the oil.

Mr. P. K. Madhava Menon *(Narakkal)* : May I know whether the Diwan Peishkar will make enquiries to see that the oil is distributed fairly.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)* : I have absolutely no objection, to see that a fair distribution is made, if any objection is raised that this is not the quantity that was previously supplied, I have no objection to do what is necessary.

RICE AND PADDY—QUANTITY TO BE IMPORTED DURING THE NEXT SIX MONTHS—PARTICULARS OF

64. **Mr. A. B. Salem** *(Mattancheri)* : Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the quantity of rice and paddy that have been arranged to be imported into Cochin during the next six months ;

(*b*) how many wholesale licenses have been issued for the sale of rice and the names of those to whom all such licenses have been issued ;

(*c*) how many have applied for permits to import rice and paddy ; who are these applicants and what are the dates of their respective applications ;

(*d*) will Government be further pleased to inform the names of the applicants to whom all such permits have been issued for the month of July 1942 ;

(*e*) what is the quantity in each of the above permits issued ;

(*f*) how many rice merchants have left Mattancheri on account of the Excess Profits Tax being levied in the State ;

(*g*) what is the amount of Excess Profits Tax collected from the rice merchants of Mattancheri since this tax was imposed ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)* :

(*a*) No definite figures regarding the import of rice into Cochin State can be furnished now. The quota allowed to be imported from the Madras Province is a joint one for both Cochin and Travancore States together.

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No paddy is allowed to be imported into the State by rail.

(*b*) 606. The number being so large, it is not possible to give the names.

(*c*) 27 persons have applied for import permits. Their names are given below with the dates of their applications noted against each.

1.	Messrs. Hajee Karim Hajee Sulaiman, Mattancheri	11— 7—1942
2.	Hajee Sattar Hajee Peer Muhamad, Cochin	8— 6—1942
3.	Diwan Hajee Peer Muhamad Musa, Mattancheri	24— 6—1942
4.	V. K. Kunju & Bros., Ernakulam	12—11—1117
5.	Javerilal Anandajee, Mattancheri	27— 6—1942
6.	South Indian Corporation Ltd., Mattencheri	1— 7—1942
7.	Indo Commercial Corporation do.	do.
8.	N. Krishna Prabhu, Ernakulam	17—11—1117
9.	C. K. Kurian & Bros., do.	17—11—1117
10.	Haji Karim Hajee Sulaiman, Mattancheri	30— 6—1942
11.	Chalisseri Ouseph Mathew, Trichur	2— 7—1942
12.	V. K. Raman Menon, Proprietor, R. M. Mills, Trichur	20—11—1117
13.	Hajee Habib Hajee Peer Muhamad, Cochin	1— 7—1942
14.	Ayob Adam Sait, Mattancheri	2— 7—1942
15.	Javerilal Anandajee do.	2— 7—1942
16.	Chalisseri Ouseph Mathew, Trichur	2— 7—1942
17.	Hajee Sathar Hajee Peer Muhamad, Cochin	3— 7—1942
18.	A. Paul, Perincheri, Trichur	2— 7—1942
19.	Diwan Hajee Pir Muhamad Musa, Cochin	3— 7—1942
20.	K. A. Thomas & M. D. Thomas, Trichur	20—11—1117
21.	Chirayath Devassi Thomakutti, Trichur	20—11—1117
22.	Vaman Anant Goray, Cochin	3— 7—1942
23.	Chalisseri Ouseph Mathew, Trichur	4— 7—1942
24.	S. K. Sankaranarayana Ayyar, Trichur	6— 7—1942
25.	H. S. Vittalnath, Mattancheri	4— 7—1942
26.	Manjila Lazar Ouseph, Trichur	24—11—1117
27.	M. L. Ouseph, Trichur	24—11—1117

(*d*) and (*e*) Permits are not issued by this Government. If what is meant is the names of the merchants among whom the quota has been distributed, those names and the quantity allotted are given below.—

1.	Paul Perincheri, Trichur	2,000 bags
2.	N. Krishna Prabhu, Ernakulam	2,000 ,,
3.	Chirayath Devassi Thomakutti, Trichur	400 bags
4.	V. K. Raman Menon, Trichur	400 ,,
5.	S. K. Viswanatha Ayyar do.	800 ,,
6.	S. K. Sankaranarayana Ayyar, Trichur	270 ,,
7.	Chalisseri Ouseph Mathew do.	250 ,,
8.	C. K. Kurian & Bros., Ernakulam	500 ,,
9.	U. P. Lonappan, Trichur	250 ,,
10.	Tharakan Ouseph Mani, Trichur	250 ,,
11.	M. L. Ouseph, Trichur	250 ,,
12.	Hajee Ebrahim Kassim Cochinwala	13,000 ,,
13.	Do.	6,000 ,,
14.	Hajee Karim Hajee Sulaiman	1,000 ,,
15.	Cochin Government	4,000 ,,
16.	Hussain Kassim Dada, Adam Hajee Peer Muhamad, Hajee Sattar Hajee Peer Muhamad and Hajee Habib Hajee Peer Muhamed	19,026 ,,
		46,396 bags

(*f*) None so far as is known.

(*g*) The excess profits tax collected from them till now is Rs. 2,994—3—0.

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Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: May I know whether this excess profit tax namely Rs. 2,994—3—0 is all the excess profit tax collected?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: It is the excess profit tax collected till that date. The collection in the case of all persons is not over.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: In view of the full answer that the Government have given and the answer which I thought that the Government should give and since I have the assurance that every possible thing will be done, I do not wish to put any supplementary question.

Mr. N. Govinda Pai *(Nominated)*: Will the Government be pleased to publish the list of licensees and their number in the Gazette?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: The licensees already on the date on which the answer was given are 606. I presume it will be 2,000 in the near future. Do you want me to publish their big list in the Gazette?

Mr. N. Govinda Pai *(Nominated)*: It think it is better to publish it, because under Food-Grains Control Order, commodities are to be sold only to licensees, and the merchants will know who are these licensees.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: When you sell, ask them to bring the licenses. I think that is enough. Beyond ten bags you can't sell without license being shown. Once that man comes and purchases from you the second time you need not ask the number.

Mr. N. Govinda Pai *(Nominated)*: It will be easier to verify if the list is published in the Gazette.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi)*: The number of licences granted so far is 606. May I know the number of applications received.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: Only five or ten might have been rejected.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi)*: May I know has the machinery for the granting of the licence as expeditiously as possible been perfected? What is the average delay.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: It is an unfounded allegation. If I get a petition today I pass orders the next day. There are days in which my office was working till 4 at night. If any one case of delay is brought to my notice I will enquire.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi)*: As regards the last portion (d) regarding the permits given for importation, what is the principle which guides Government in giving certain varying figures which are now ranging from 2,000 bags to 13,000 bags per individual?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: I have already explained this at the time of a cut motion and at the time of the general discussion of the budget. This distribution noted in the list was not based upon a correct principle. This was done as it was the first time, when we distributed the quota. There we had not all the materials that we got afterwards, one of which is with reference to block trains only being moved and not single waggons being moved from one station and another. That information we got only after we made the distribution of the July quota. The distribution in that month was done when we had not all the data. After we made the first month's distribution we got a letter from Tanjore saying that the railway company refused to move or refused to recognise small quotas. They want persons who are in a position to move one train load. Otherwise it is impossible for the companies to arrange waggons. One waggon on the meter-gauge will contain 140 bags and one broad-gauge waggon 250 bags. It is on that ground that subsequently we allotted higher quotas to each merchant. The next point is this. The import was entirely in the hands of five or six Hallayi merchants, when the rice was coming from Burma. So the persons who ought to be favoured so far as imports are concerned are those persons because if Burma had been the exporting place these persons would have continued as importers.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)*: It is stated that permits are not issued by this Government. May I know who issues them?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: It is the Exporting Province who issues them.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)*: May I know whether it is on the recommendation of the Government that these permits are issued?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: It is the Government that distribute. We have got a quota and we distribute it among our merchants. They have to apply to the Exporting Province for getting the permits.

MATTANCHERI MERCHANTS—SHIFTING OF TO TRAVANCORE

65. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)*: Will Government be pleased to state whether there is a move by the merchants of Mattancheri to shift their place of business to Travancore side?

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